

Eliminates Physical Filing and Storage Space Needs

Physicians and suppliers import a HIPAA 835 (received from their Medicare contractor) into the **MREP** software. The software saves the information as a separate Import file, ensuring that the original HIPAA 835 file remains intact. The software provides an easy-to-use method that archives, restores, and deletes these Import files as physicians and suppliers maintain remittance records. This eliminates the need for physical filing and additional storage space.

Keystroke Shortcuts

The **MREP** software contains numerous keystroke shortcuts to streamline use of the software and save physicians and suppliers time as they view remittance information.

Updates to Claim Adjustment Reason Codes and Remittance Advice Remark Codes

Medicare contractors will notify physicians and suppliers of necessary updates for the **MREP** software to accommodate code set changes. File updates will be available three times a year. Physicians and suppliers can sign up at their Medicare contractor's website to be notified automatically when updates are available.



Minimum System Requirements

To install and use the **MREP** software, systems must meet the following criteria:

- IBM-compatible PC
- Windows XP (Recommended), Windows 2000, Windows NT, or Windows 98 SE
- 2.0 GHz processor
- 256 MB RAM
- 3 MB hard disk space
- .NET Framework version 1.1 or higher

For More Information

To learn more about the new **MREP** software and how to receive the HIPAA 835, physicians and suppliers should contact their Medicare carrier or DMERC. Medicare Part B Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Helpline phone numbers are available at www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/edi/ on the CMS website.

Medicare Learning Network (MLN)

The Medicare Learning Network (MLN) is the brand name for official CMS educational products and information for Medicare providers. For additional information visit the Medicare Learning Network's Medlearn web page at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn on the CMS website.



This software was developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for use by Medicare providers/suppliers to view and print a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant Medicare 835. Medicare has no liability and takes no responsibility for any other use of this software.

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Medicare Remit Easy Print

New Free Software Enabling Physicians and Suppliers To View and Print Remittance Information

Developed by the
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



Introducing “Medicare Remit Easy Print” Software

Benefits

In an effort to advance toward an electronic environment, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed software called **Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP)** that enables physicians and suppliers¹ to view and print Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant 835s from their own computer. Remittance advices printed from the **MREP** software mirror the current Standard Paper Remittance Advice (SPR) format.

The **MREP** software uses an imported file in the HIPAA-compliant 835 format sent by a Medicare contractor [Carrier or Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC)].² Other electronic formats cannot be used.³

Before using the **MREP** software, physicians and suppliers must have access to HIPAA 835 files. Physicians and suppliers should work with their Medicare contractors to determine the best procedures for receiving the HIPAA 835.

This software offers new, important capabilities that allow physicians and suppliers to:

- View, search, and print remittance information
- Print and export reports containing remittance information

Availability and Cost

The **MREP** software is available to physicians and suppliers *free* through their Medicare contractor. Information on the software (including how to obtain a free copy) is available on Medicare contractor websites.

Saves Time and Money

Physicians and suppliers can print remittance information directly from their computer the same day the HIPAA 835 is available. No more time is spent waiting for the mail!

Generates Special Reports

The **MREP** software also allows physicians and suppliers to run several useful reports.

- **Deductible Service Lines Report:**
Shows claim service lines that have a deductible amount.
- **Adjusted Service Lines Report:**
Shows claims within a single remittance that have a claim status 22 (reversed claim).
- **Denied Service Lines Report:**
Shows only claim service lines that have an allowed amount of zero *and* are associated with a claim that does not have a claim status 22 (reversed claim).

Prints Information for Use by Other Payers

The **MREP** software gives physicians and suppliers the ability to print remittance information in the familiar SPR format for individual or multiple selected claims. This allows them to forward only those claims that are needed by other payers for secondary/tertiary payment. Physicians and suppliers may view and/or print as many or as few claims as needed.



Easy to Navigate and View Remittance Information

The **MREP** software presents remittance information that is organized and easy to view. The **MREP** software provides separate tabs that include the following information:

- A list of claims
- Details for individually selected claims
- Summary information
- Glossary information containing Claim Adjustment Reason Codes, Remittance Advice Remark Codes, and their definitions
- A data view that allows physicians and suppliers to look at the various loops and segments containing data in the HIPAA 835
- A search function to find claims containing specific information

Allows Quick and Easy Access to Claim Information

The **MREP** software features a search function that allows physicians and suppliers to find a claim (or multiple claims) based on customized search criteria. Physicians and suppliers may search by names, numbers, and even portions of information, such as:

- Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN)
- Beneficiary Last Name
- Internal Control Number (ICN)
- Beneficiary Account Number
- Procedure Code
- Service Date
- Rendering Provider Number

The search function provides a powerful way to save time and money when examining remittance information.

¹ For the purpose of this brochure, physicians and suppliers include physicians, providers, suppliers, and qualified non-physician practitioners that bill Medicare Carriers, including DMERCs.

² Beginning October 1, 2005, new Medicare contractors are called Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). Also, from October 2004 through October 2011, all existing Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Carrier Contacts will be transitioned into MAC contracts, using competitive procedures. Providers may access the most current Medicare Contracting Reform information to determine the impact of these changes at www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarereform/contractingreform on the CMS website.

³ CMS plans to end the use of other formats soon.